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### Interstate Custody Orders      11-25-92

CP&P may receive an inquiry from an out-of-state agency or a parent concerning how to file an out-of-state custody order in New Jersey. The Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, N.J.S.A. 2A: 34-28 et seq., provides a simplified process for filing out-of-state child custody orders in New Jersey. Similar acts have been passed by other states to reduce re-litigation of custody once it has been decided in one state. One of the major reasons for the Act is to reduce parent "kidnapping" cases where the non-custodial parent takes the child to a new state, hoping to get custody overturned.

When the custody order is filed in New Jersey, it is enforceable in the same way as a New Jersey custody order is enforced. The Worker advises the inquirer to send one certified copy of the custody order from the other state and two other copies to the Clerk of the Superior Court, State of New Jersey, CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. When the out-of-state custody order is sent to the above address for filing, it is accompanied by a check or money order in the amount of \$5 payable to "Clerk of the Superior Court." The envelope is labeled "attention: Matrimony Unit/Joyce".

If a child under CP&P supervision is named in an interstate custody order, the Worker contacts the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Local Office relative to any question on the order.